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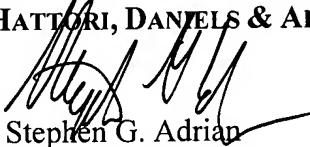
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Applicant's or agent's file reference Ytlojs-001t	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Form PCT/IPEA/416	
International application No. PCT/JP2003/013646	International filing date (day/month/year) 24 October 2003 (24.10.2003)	Priority date (day/month/year) 05 November 2002 (05.11.2002)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H02K 41/03		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

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The international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

pages _____ 1-35 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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the claims:

pages _____ 2-4 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ 1 _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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the drawings:

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- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP, 10-257751, A (CKD Corp.), 25 September, 1998 (25.09.98), full text, all drawings

Document 2: Microfilm of the specification and drawings first annexed to the written application of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 127580/1985 (Laid-open No. 38080/1987) (Hitachi Zosen Corp.), 6 March, 1987 (06.03.87), full text, all drawings

Document 3: JP, 57-501458, A (Odessky Politekhnichesky Institut), 12 August, 1982 (12.08.82), full text, all drawings, & WO, 82-01286, A1

Claims 1-4

None of the documents cited in the ISR describes a spiral linear motor with a constitution in which (1) the central axis of a rotor is positioned in a hollow magnetic pole of a stator, (2) the lateral face in the axial direction of the spiral portion of the rotor faces the lateral face in the axial direction of the spiral grooves of the stator, (3) the spiral portion of the rotor can rotate spirally in the spiral grooves of the hollow magnetic pole, and (4) the rotor spirally rotates relative to the stator while moving straight in the axial direction. This constitution is not considered to be obvious to a person skilled in the art either.